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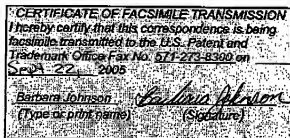
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Forms PTO SB/08a and SB08b;
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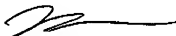
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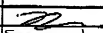
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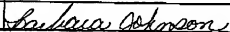
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